- 68. The composition according to claim 67, wherein the polysaccharide gel has a viscosity of from about 200,000 centipoise to about 250,000 centipoise.
- 69. The method according to claim 55, wherein the biocompatible composition comprises an additive.
- 70. The method according to claim 69, wherein the additive is selected from the group consisting of a pH buffer, a stabilizer, and a surfactant.

Remarks

Please enter this second Preliminary Amendment, including amended claims 1,

21, and 41 and new claims 57-70 for examination.

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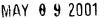
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APPENDIX – AMENDED AND NEW CLAIMS

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- 1. (Amended) A biocompatible, resorbable, lubricous carrier for suspending a biomaterial in a tissue augmentation material, comprising a polysaccharide gel having a viscosity [greater than 200,000] between about 20,000 centipoise to about 350,000 centipoise, wherein the polysaccharide gel maintains the biomaterial homogeneously suspended in the tissue augmentation material prior to augmentation of a desired tissue site and during introduction of the tissue augmentation material to the desired site.
- 21. (Amended) A biocompatible composition for augmenting tissue, comprising a biomaterial for augmenting a desired tissue site and a biocompatible, resorbable, lubricous carrier for the biomaterial, the carrier comprising a polysaccharide gel having a viscosity [greater than 200,000] between about 20,000 centipoise to about 350,000 centipoise, wherein the carrier maintains the biomaterial homogeneously suspended in the biocompatible composition prior to augmentation of a desired tissue site and during introduction of the biocompatible composition to the desired site.
- 41. (Amended) In a biocompatible composition for augmenting tissue, the biocompatible composition comprising a biomaterial for augmenting a desired tissue site and a biocompatible, resorbable, lubricous carrier for the biomaterial, the improvement comprising a polysaccharide gel carrier, having a viscosity [greater than 200,000] between about 20,000 centipoise to about 350,000 centipoise, the carrier maintaining the biomaterial homogeneously

suspended in the biocompatible composition prior to augmentation of a desired tissue site and during introduction of the biocompatible composition to the desired site.

- 57. The carrier according to claim 1, further comprising an additive.
- 58. The carrier according to claim 57, wherein the additive is selected from the group consisting of a pH buffer, a stabilizer, and a surfactant.
- 59. The carrier according to claim 1, wherein the polysaccharide gel has a viscosity of from about 150,000 centipoise to about 250,000 centipoise.
- 60. The carrier according to claim 59, wherein the polysaccharide gel has a viscosity of from about 200,000 centipoise to about 250,000 centipoise.
 - 61. The composition according to claim $2\dot{1}$, further comprising an additive.
- 62. The composition according to claim 61, wherein the additive is selected from the group consisting of a pH buffer, a stabilizer, and a surfactant.
- 63. The composition according to claim 21, wherein the polysaccharide gel has a viscosity of from about 150,000 centipoise to about 250,000 centipoise.

- 64. The composition according to claim 63, wherein the polysaccharide gel has a viscosity of from about 200,000 centipoise to about 250,000 centipoise.
 - 65. The composition according to claim 42, further comprising an additive.
- 66. The composition according to claim 61, wherein the additive is selected from the group consisting of a pH buffer, a stabilizer, and a surfactant.

67. The composition according to claim 42, wherein the polysaccharide gel has a viscosity of from about 150,000 centipoise to about 250,000 centipoise.

- 68. The composition according to claim 67, wherein the polysaccharide gel has a viscosity of from about 200,000 centipoise to about 250,000 centipoise.
- 69. The method according to claim 55, wherein the biocompatible composition comprises an additive.
- 70. The method according to claim 69, wherein the additive is selected from the group consisting of a pH buffer, a stabilizer, and a surfactant.